## <u>Claims</u>

- 1. An acid addition salt of 4-[(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)methyl]-*N*-[4-methyl-3-[[4-(3-pyridinyl)-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]phenyl]-benzamide selected from the group consisting of a tartrate salt, such as a (*D*)(-) tartrate salt or a (*L*)(+) tartrate salt, a hydrochloride salt, a citrate salt, a malate salt, particularly a *D*-malate salt, a fumarate salt, a succinate salt, a benzoate salt, a benzenesulfonate salt, a pamoate salt, a formate salt, a malonate salt, a 1,5-naphthalenedisulfonate salt, a salicylate salt, a cyclohexanesulfamate salt, a lactate salt, particularly a (*S*)-lactate salt, a mandelate salt, particularly an (*R*)(-) mandelate salt, an adipate salt, a squarate salt, a vanillate salt, an oxaloacetate salt, an ascorbate salt, particularly an (*L*)-ascorbate salt and a sulfate salt.
- 2. An acid addition salt selected from the group consisting of imatinib ascorbate, imatinib formate, imatinib malonate, imatinib oxaloacetate, imatinib squarate and imatinib vanillate.
- 3. An acid addition salt of 4-[(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)methyl]-*N*-[4-methyl-3-[[4-(3-pyridinyl)-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]phenyl]-benzamide selected from the group consisting of a tartrate salt, such as a (*D*)(-) tartrate salt or a (*L*)(+) tartrate salt, a hydrochloride salt, a citrate salt, a malate salt, particularly a *D*-malate salt, a fumarate salt, a succinate salt, a benzoate salt, a benzenesulfonate salt, a pamoate salt, a hemiformate salt, a malonate salt, a salicylate salt, a cyclohexanesulfamate salt, a mandelate salt, particularly an (*R*)(-) mandelate salt, a hemiglutarate salt, an adipate salt, a vanillate salt and a sulfate salt.
- 4. An acid addition salt selected from the group consisting of imatinib D-tartrate, imatinib D-malate, imatinib hemiformate, imatinib malonate, imatinib salicylate, imatinib hemiglutamate, imatinib cyclohexanesulfamate, imatinib mandelate, particularly imatinib (R)(-) mandelate, imatinib adipate, imatinib vanillate and imatinib sulfate.
- 5. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an acid addition salt of 4-[(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)methyl]-N-[4-methyl-3-[[4-(3-pyridinyl)-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]phenyl]-benzamide selected from the group consisting of a tartrate salt, such as a (D)(-) tartrate salt or a (L)(+) tartrate salt, a hydrochloride salt, a citrate salt, a malate salt, particularly a D-malate salt, a fumarate salt, a succinate salt, a benzoate salt, a benzoate salt, a pamoate salt, a formate salt, a malonate salt, a 1,5-naphthalenedisulfonate salt, a salicylate salt, a cyclohexanesulfamate salt, a lactate salt, particularly a (S)-lactate salt, a mandelate salt, particularly an (R)(-) mandelate salt, aq

- glutarate salt, an adipate salt, a squarate salt, a vanillate salt, an oxaloacetate salt, an ascorbate salt, particularly an (L)-ascorbate salt and a sulfate salt.
- 6. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 3 wherein the acid addition salt is selected from the group consisting of imatinib ascorbate, imatinib formate, imatinib malonate, imatinib oxaloacetate, imatinib squarate and imatinib vanillate.
- 7. Use of an acid addition salt of 4-[(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)methyl]-*N*-[4-methyl-3-[[4-(3-pyridinyl)-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]phenyl]-benzamide according to any one claims 1 to 4 for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of a tumour disease, especially the treatment of leukemia.